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TO STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS IN THE NORTHEAST STATES

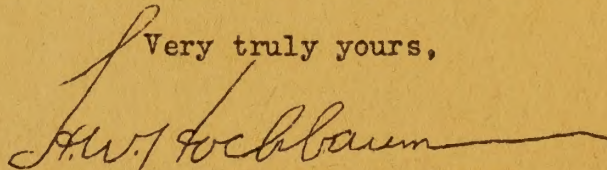
Subject: Wartime Trends in Extension Work With 4-H Clubs and
Older Youth

The attached tables, relating to recent trends in extension work with youth, have been prepared for the Northeastern States in advance of the annual summary for all States which will be sent to you later. It was possible for Mr. E. W. Aiton, field agent, Eastern States, of this division, to assemble these data because your State 4-H Club leader furnished him with an advance summary of the pertinent statistical data from your annual report.

May I call your attention particularly to table 1, which relates to 4-H membership, and table 5, which highlights figures on professional leadership for youth work. Table 5 indicates that in most Northeast States less time is being devoted to 4-H and older youth programs, but more 4-H members are reached per agent-year of time so spent. In this table, Mr. Aiton is employing a slightly different measuring stick for extension efficiency from what we have used in previous analyses. We will be interested in your reactions to the use of the term "equivalent agent years" as it applies to time devoted to 4-H Club work.

Because the figures used in these tables are preliminary and tentative, no detailed break-down of them is being prepared at this time.

Very truly yours,



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Table 1. - TRENDS IN 4-H CLUB MEMBERSHIPS - NORTHEASTERN STATES
(Preliminary, for administrative, supervisory, and discussion use only)

STATE	ENROLLMENTS					MEMBER COMPLETIONS			
	1944	Prewar average 1939-41	Wartime average 1942-44	Wartime trend % increase or decr.	From farm homes		From urban homes		Percent increase or decrease
					1944	Wartime average 1942-44	1944	Wartime average 1942-44	
Conn.	8,618	6,636	8,032	21.0	3,944	3,595	4,724	4,454	56.7 78.3 64.8 - 13.5
Del.	1,615	1,261	1,453	15.2	1,162	1,056	453	397	69.5 86.3 73.5 - 12.8
Maine	14,333	6,338	13,358	110.8	10,066	10,046	4,273	3,313	93.5 94.4 91.5 - 2.9
Md.	10,929	10,736	10,895	1.5	7,866	7,841	3,048	3,048	86.7 84.1 87.7 3.6
Mass.	16,557	18,652	18,366	- 1.5	5,998	6,505	10,559	11,861	77.7 84.0 80.0 - 4.0
N. H.	6,652	7,445	7,611	2.2	3,483	4,100	2,934	3,433	77.7 83.9 77.8 - 6.1
N. J.	10,542	9,790	11,194	14.3	4,983	5,781	5,451	5,376	80.7 84.7 80.3 - 4.4
N. Y.	71,934	31,617	56,941	80.1	35,093	30,613	36,841	26,328	72.8 75.2 74.1 - 1.1
Pa.	16,724	18,539	17,294	- 6.7	12,269	13,032	4,455	4,262	81.9 83.4 82.8 - .6
R. I.	9,844	3,275	9,496	190.0	2,894	2,705	6,950	6,791	89.6 90.5 90.6 .1
Vt.	6,077	5,288	7,627	44.2	3,638	4,661	2,439	2,965	70.8 85.5 66.0 - 19.5
W. Va.	25,158	23,419	24,796	5.9	16,096	16,599	10,117	8,548	73.8 71.2 71.0 - .2
Total	198,983	142,996	187,063	30.8	107,492	106,534	92,244	80,777	77.1 80.4 77.8 - 2.6

Table 2. - TRENDS IN 4-H CLUB ORGANIZATION - NORTHEASTERN STATES
(Preliminary, for administrative, supervisory, and discussion only)

STATE	NUMBER OF 4-H CLUBS				NUMBERS OF CLUBS BY TYPE OF CLUB - 1944 AS ESTIMATED BY STATE 4-H CLUB LEADERS			
	1944	Prewar average 1939-41	Wartime average 1942-44	Wartime trend % increase or decrease	School clubs	Community clubs	Project clubs	General clubs
Connecticut	406	552	419	- 24.1	50	356	145	261
Delaware	80	86	82	- 4.7	21	59	5	75
Maine	328	533	396	- 25.7	--	328	37	291
Maryland	531	581	550	- 5.3	261	270	320	211
Massachusetts	1,367	1,745	1,585	- 9.2	300	1,067	1,188	179
New Hampshire	407	485	452	- 6.8	100	307	150	257
New Jersey	734	694	724	4.3	140	594	544	190
New York	2,537	2,297	2,484	8.1	508	2,029	None	2,537
Pennsylvania	1,379	1,547	1,394	- 9.9	None	1,379	1,063	316
Rhode Island	341	193	321	66.3	309	32	134	207
Vermont	456	516	465	- 9.9	56	400	200	256
West Virginia	1,329	1,374	1,393	1.4	0	1,329	0	1,329
Total	9,895	10,603	10,265	- 3.3	1,745	8,150	3,786	6,109

Table 3. 7 TRENDS IN NUMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP OF OLDER YOUTH GROUPS - NORTHEASTERN STATES
(Preliminary, for administrative, supervisory, and discussion use only)

STATE	NUMBERS OF OLDER YOUTH GROUPS			MEMBERSHIP IN OLDER YOUTH GROUPS		
	1944	Prewar average 1939-41	Wartime average 1942-44	1944	Prewar average 1939-41	Wartime average 1942-44
Connecticut	7	14	8	444	598	484
Delaware	4	4	2	244	141	116
Maine	2	6	2	100	691	228
Maryland	23	22	18	1,065	1,032	826
Massachusetts	5	20	9	365	927	489
New Hampshire	5	26	12	167	654	297
New Jersey	7	18	13	377	292	329
New York	27	81	28	1,603	2,453	2,181
Pennsylvania	27	43	31	1,167	1,741	1,191
Rhode Island	6	1	6	219	30	288
Vermont	6	12	6	407	512	459
West Virginia	23	76	25	1,208	2,543	1,189
Total	142	323	160	7,466	11,614	8,077

Table 4 - TRENDS IN VOLUNTARY LEADERSHIP AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR 4-H CLUB AND OLDER YOUTH GROUPS--
NORTHEASTERN STATES (Preliminary, for administrative, supervisory, and discussion use only)

State	Number of Voluntary Local Leaders for 4-H and Older Youth Groups			4-H Members per Adult Leader		Training Meetings for Voluntary Local Leaders of 4-H Clubs									
	Adult			Older Boys & Girls		Pre-war average		War-time aver.		Number of Meetings		Average Attendance			
	Pre-war average 1939-41	War-time aver. 1942-4	1944	Pre-war average 1939-41	War-time aver. 1942-4	1944	Pre-war average 1939-41	War-time aver. 1942-4	1944	Pre-war average 1939-41	War-time aver. 1942-4	1944	Pre-war average 1939-41	War-time aver. 1942-4	
Conn.	1,027	1,048	976	211	342	228	8	6	8	84	79	85	12	19	8
Del.	85	74	72	161	30	69	19	17	20	49	15	19	18	15	18
Maine	1,504	639	1,266	79	123	94	10	10	11	360	101	130	13	27	12
Md.	681	452	524	235	295	190	16	24	21	--	123	69	--	--	--
Mass.	1,555	2,045	1,818	223	442	277	11	9	10	218	258	276	7	15	8
N. H.	594	748	674	227	288	242	11	10	11	90	139	110	15	21	10
N. J.	870	759	852	167	146	145	12	13	13	320	156	231	5	4	5
N. Y.	3,024	2,839	2,972	524	482	501	24	11	19	588	696	732	14	17	14
Pa.	2,103	1,947	2,039	282	328	275	8	10	8	134	214	125	21	--	7
R. I.	335	178	334	53	189	76	29	18	28	33	59	55	7	11	7
Vt.	460	550	509	106	158	145	13	10	15	53	77	19	19	18	22
W. Va.	2,039	1,758	1,831	832	991	742	13	13	14	550	532	614	12	7	10
Total or Average	14,277	13,037	13,867	3,100	3,814	2,984	174	151	178	225	204	205	13	15	11

Table 5 - TRENDS IN PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR 4-H AND OLDER YOUTH * NORTHEASTERN STATES
(Preliminary, for administrative, supervisory and discussion use only)

State	Days devoted to work with 4-H Clubs and older youth groups by						Total equivalent agent-years devoted to 4-H and Older Youth.				Average 4-H enrollment per agent-year			
	Home Dem. Agents		4-H Agents		Agri. Agents		All agents*		1944	1943	1942	1944	1943	1942
	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943						
Connecticut	--	26	35	3842	3447	3974	--	34	19	14	13	616	689	466
Delaware	--	--	1	816	828	822	--	--	--	3	3	538	510	405
Maine	297	266	532	2907	2655	2642	264	250	376	12	11	1194	1391	803
Maryland	3109	2355	2175	--	--	--	2685	2337	2213	21	17	520	620	700
Massachusetts	43	46	32	7003	6777	7545	61	132	134	25	25	662	772	687
New Hampshire	11	11	18	3677	3548	3618	53	48	134	13	13	512	635	609
New Jersey	1092	1414	1402	3236	3372	2920	119	91	56	16	17	659	760	632
New York	31	10	9	17501	17597	19681	106	158	55	63	63	1142	1001	512
Pennsylvania	6441	6055	6200	--	--	--	4732	4759	5839	40	39	418	481	382
Rhode Island	22	13	--	1100	1157	1090	--	--	1	4	4	2461	2766	1895
Vermont	52	5	8	2817	3094	3192	200	2	122	11	11	552	881	593
West Virginia	3810	3003	4000	6453	5558	5581	2688	2339	3150	46	39	547	684	501
Total	14908	13204	14412	49352	48033	51065	10908	10150	12099	268	255	742	808	564

* Total equivalent agent-years are calculated on the basis of 280 days as an average agent-year

